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lakhs has been provided. A sum of Rs ·70 of a lakh has been provided for the supplemental works such as the reconstruction and extension of the Water Works Office buildings and protective works to the Aruvikarai reservoir to prevent contamination of water, etc. The aggregate provision for works under this head in the next year's budget amounts to Rs 4·31 lakhs. It is hoped to complete the whole work within the year 1112.

The Municipal Council, Trivandrum, is required to pay an annual contribution of one lakh of rupees towards the working expenses of the Water Supply. The demands have not yet been fully paid by the Municipality. With the additional area, after the completion of the second stage, coming into service, the properties in this area will become liable to water tax and so, on the revenue side, an increase of Rs 15,000 has been provided in the budget estimates for 1112, to the annual contribution of one lakh of rupees due to Government from the Municipality.

29. *Water Supply to Mofussil Towns.*—In para 25 of the last year's budget speech, mention was made about the proposal then under consideration, to take up the investigation of water supply simultaneously in the towns of Shencottah, Nagercoil and Alleppey. The investigation was pushed on vigorously during 1111. The field work has been finished and the preparation of designs has been taken up.

In Alleppey, in regard to the source for the water supply which was the most difficult point, we have been particularly lucky. It has been possible to obtain a copious supply of water of good potable quality by investigating at a cheap cost the possibilities of obtaining water from deep bore wells. A trial boring 350 feet deep from the ground level and $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches in diameter made at the end of April 1936 proved very successful and the supply is expected to be quite sufficient. As a stand by, a second well is also being bored. The water yielded by the well has been found on chamical and bacteriological analysis to be quite satisfactory. It is proposed to pump the water direct into overhead tanks to be constructed in the town and lay the Town Distribution Pipes from the latter and supply the water. The site of the bore wells is about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the Iron Bridge at Alleppey.

In Shencottah, the site in Melavoor in the western outskirts of the town has been selected.

At Nagercoil as a result of investigations, it is proposed to form a reservoir at Mukkadal about 8 miles to the north of Nagercoil and convey the raw water by gravitation through a pressure pipe conduit and to locate the purification works in the Silpasari tank on a suitable site.

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All the three Municipalities insist on the scopes of the schemes being so enlarged as to allow of house connections being made and agree to shoulder the increased capital expenditure and working expenses involved. The Municipalities have agreed to bear half the capital cost and the entire cost of working expenses afterwards. A specimen form of agreement to be executed by the three Municipalities has been approved by Government. After the execution of the agreement, it is proposed to start the construction of works.

The following provision has been made in the budget estimates for 1112 for the purpose for works and establishment :—

	Works.	*Establishment.*	*Total Rupees in lakhs.*
Alleppey	5·00	·35	5·35
Nagercoil	5·00	·35	5·35
Shencottah	1·50	·16	1·66

30. *Drainage.*—In para 26 of last year's budget speech, reference was made to the investigation of the Drainage Scheme at Trivandrum. The estimate for the scheme amounting to Rs 45·96 lakhs has since been completed and is at present under the consideration of Government. Contracts for the supply of cast iron and stoneware sewer pipes and the necessary adjuncts for immediate requirements were arranged and the bigger sized Cast Iron sewer pipes have all arrived. The smaller sized ones have also begun to arrive and the complete supply is expected to be finished shortly. Proposals for speeding up the acquisition of land required for the first year's programme of work are under consideration. In the meantime, contract has been settled for trenching and laying the sewers along existing roads and the work of Sewer construction will be put in hand shortly. An expenditure of only Rs 3·27 lakhs (including adjustment) is expected to be incurred in the current year against the budget grant of Rs 5·3 lakhs. The construction of the project is expected to be in full swing in 1112. A sum of Rs 7·43 lakhs has been provided in the next year's budget for works and establishment.

In para 26 of last year's budget speech, it was stated that a separate department called the Water Works and Drainage Department would be constituted, the Head of the Department being designated Water Works and Drainage Engineer to Government. On account of the addition of 4 more large projects involving a very large capital outlay to this new Department it has become necessary to strengthen and reorganise the department. The administrative and technical direction will be with the Water Works and Drainage Engineer. For the execution of the projects, three Divisions are likely to be formed, each being in the charge of an Executive Engineer with the necessary additional subdivisions and sections.

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The necessary provision has accordingly been included in the budget estimates for the next year. Additional staff has also been provided under Working Expenses for strengthening the existing staff of the water works establishment on account of the anticipated completion of the second stage of the water works.

31. *Town Planning Scheme.*—The schemes prepared by Mr. Krumbiegel, Architect and Town Planner for the improvements of the town, have been approved generally by Government. The Avenue road from Kaudiar to Vellayambalam, main road from East Fort Gate to Cantonment Junction, the Arattu road, etc., have already been brought under the Town Planning Regulation IV of 1108, and the Municipality has been asked to prepare and submit draft Town Planning schemes in respect of these areas for the approval of Government.

The improvement of the Thampanoor area will be taken up as a separate scheme and the matter is under the consideration of Government.

In the current year's budget, as will be seen from para 27 of the last year's budget speech, provision for the expenditure under the Town Planning schemes was included partly under Advances and partly under expenditure charged to revenue. It has been now decided to treat the whole scheme as a single capital project classified under "Capital not charged to revenue." A comprehensive estimate and a programme for the entire scheme is proposed to be drawn up and the financial results of the scheme showing the probable receipts expected from the scheme on account of the sales of house sites, etc., and the net cost to Government will also be shown therein.

A lump sum of Rs 10 lakhs has been provided under capital for these schemes in the budget for the next year.

32. *The Council Chamber.*—The question of constructing a suitable building for holding the meetings of the Legislature was under consideration for some time past. It was finally decided that the Council Chamber might be constructed in the premises of the Public Office building as an extension to the existing building. The site was also approved by Mr. Krumbiegel, Architect and Town Planner. The foundation stone of the new Council Chamber was laid by His Excellency the Viceroy in December 1933. The designs of the buildings were prepared by Mr. Krumbiegel and detailed working drawings and estimates were prepared by the Chief Engineer. The estimate prepared by him for the construction of the north wing is under the consideration of Government. Meanwhile, tenders were invited for the construction of the building.

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